

Content Standards
for
Music

Prekindergarten

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Use icons or invented symbols to represent musical sounds and ideas.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.2 Identify the sources of a wide variety of sounds.
- 1.3 Use body movement to respond to dynamics and tempo.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Move or use body percussion to demonstrate awareness of beat and tempo.
- 2.2 Use the voice to speak, chant, and sing.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.3 Improvise simple instrumental accompaniments to songs, recorded selections, stories, and poems.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Diversity of Music

- 3.1 Use a personal vocabulary to describe music from diverse cultures.
- 3.2 Use developmentally appropriate movement in responding to music from various genres, styles, and periods.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Derive Meaning

- 4.1 Create movements in response to music.
- 4.2 Participate freely in music activities.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Improvise songs to accompany play activities.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Demonstrate an awareness of music as a part of daily life.

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ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Use icons or invented symbols to represent beat.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.2 Identify and describe basic elements in music (e.g., high/low, fast/slow, loud/soft, and beat).

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Use the singing voice to echo short melodic patterns.
- 2.2 Sing age-appropriate songs from memory.
- 2.3 Play instruments and move or verbalize to demonstrate awareness of beat, tempo, dynamics, and melodic direction.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Create accompaniments, using the voice or a variety of classroom instruments.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Identify the various uses of music in daily experiences.

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Sing and play simple singing games from various cultures.
- 3.3 Use a personal vocabulary to describe voices and instruments from diverse cultures.
- 3.4 Use developmentally appropriate movement in responding to music from various genres and styles.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Derive Meaning

- 4.1 Create movements that correspond to specific music.
- 4.2 Identify, talk about, sing, or play music written for specific purposes (e.g., work song, lullaby).

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Use music, together with dance, theatre, and visual arts, for storytelling.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify and talk about the reasons artists have for creating dances, music, theatre pieces, and works of visual art.

Grade One

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform simple patterns of rhythm and pitch, using beat, rest, and divided beat (two sounds on one beat).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.2 Identify simple musical forms (e.g., phrase, AB, echo).
- 1.3 Identify common instruments visually and aurally in a variety of music.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing with accuracy in a developmentally appropriate range.
- 2.2 Sing age-appropriate songs from memory.
- 2.3 Play simple accompaniments on classroom instruments.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Improvise simple rhythmic accompaniments, using body percussion or classroom instruments.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Recognize and talk about music and celebrations of the cultures represented in the school population.

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Sing and play simple singing games from various cultures.
- 3.3 Use a personal vocabulary to describe voices, instruments, and music from diverse cultures.
- 3.4 Use developmentally appropriate movement in responding to music from various genres and styles.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Derive Meaning

- 4.1 Create movements to music that reflect focused listening.
- 4.2 Describe how ideas or moods are communicated in music.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management

of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Recognize and explain how people respond to their world through music.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Describe how songs and dances improve after practice and rehearsal.

Grade Two

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform simple rhythmic patterns, using quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes, and rests.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform simple patterns of pitch, using solfege.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.3 Identify ascending/descending melody and even/uneven rhythm patterns in selected pieces of music.
- 1.4 Identify simple music forms, emphasizing verse/refrain, AB, ABA.
- 1.5 Identify visually and aurally individual wind, string, brass, and percussion instruments used in a variety of music.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing with accuracy in a developmentally appropriate range.
- 2.2 Sing age-appropriate songs from memory.
- 2.3 Play rhythmic ostinatos on classroom instruments.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic accompaniments, using voice and a variety of classroom instruments.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Identify the uses of specific music in daily or special events.

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Sing and play simple songs and singing games from various cultures.
- 3.3 Describe music from different cultures

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Use the terminology of music in discussing individual preferences for specific music.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Create developmentally appropriate movements to express pitch, tempo, form, and dynamics in music.
- 4.3 Identify how musical elements communicate ideas or moods.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Identify similar themes in stories, songs, and art forms (e.g. patterns, texture).

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify and talk about who composes and performs music.

Grade Three

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform simple rhythmic patterns, using quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes, dotted half notes, whole notes, and rests.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform pentatonic patterns, using solfege.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.3 Identify melody, rhythm, harmony, and timbre in selected pieces of music when presented aurally.
- 1.4 Identify visually and aurally the four families of orchestral instruments and male and female adult voices.
- 1.5 Describe the way in which sound is produced on various instruments.
- 1.6 Identify simple musical forms (e.g., AABA, AABB, and round).

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing with accuracy in a developmentally appropriate range.
- 2.2 Sing age-appropriate songs from memory, including rounds, partner songs, and ostinatos.
- 2.3 Play rhythmic and melodic ostinatos on classroom instruments.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.3 Create short rhythmic and melodic phrases in question-and-answer form.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Identify the uses of music from diverse cultures and time periods.

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Sing songs of diverse cultures from memory.
3.3 Play songs of diverse cultures from memory.
3.4 Identify differences and commonalities in music from various cultures.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Select and use specific criteria in making judgments about the quality of a music performance.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Create developmentally appropriate movements to express pitch, tempo, form, and dynamics.
4.3 Describe how specific musical elements communicate particular ideas or moods in music.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Identify the use of similar elements in music and other art forms (e.g., form, rhythm).

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Demonstrate management of time when engaged in music activities.
5.3 Identify what musicians and composers do to create music.

Grade Four

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform melodic notation for simple songs in major keys, using solfege.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform diatonic scales.
- 1.3 Read, write, and perform rhythmic notation, including sixteenth notes, dotted notes, and syncopation (e.g., eighth-quarter-eighth and eighth rest-quarter-eighth note).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Describe music according to the elements of music, using the terminology of music.
- 1.5 Classify how a variety of instruments from diverse cultures produce sound (e.g., idiophone, aerophone, chordophone, membranophone).
- 1.6 Recognize and describe aural examples of music forms, including rondo.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a varied repertoire of music from diverse cultures, including rounds, descants, and songs with ostinatos, alone and with others.
- 2.2 Use classroom instruments to play melodies and accompaniments from a varied repertoire of music from diverse cultures, including rounds, descants, and ostinatos, by oneself and with others.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.3 Compose and improvise simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on classroom instruments.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Explain the relationship between music and events in history.

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Identify music from diverse cultures and time periods.
- 3.3 Sing and play music from diverse cultures and time periods.
- 3.4 Compare musical styles from two or more cultures.
- 3.5 Recognize the influence of various cultures on music in California.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Use specific criteria when judging the relative quality of musical performances.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Create movements to express musical elements or represent musical intent in specific music.
- 4.3 Describe the characteristics that make a performance a work of art.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Identify and interpret expressive characteristics in works of art and music.
- 5.2 Integrate art forms into a well-organized presentation.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.3 Evaluate improvement in personal music performances after practice or rehearsal.

Grade Five

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform simple melodic notation in treble clef in major and minor keys.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform major and minor scales.
- 1.3 Read, write, and perform rhythmic notation, including quarter note triplets and tied syncopation.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Analyze the use of music elements in aural examples from various genres and cultures.
- 1.5 Identify vocal and instrumental ensembles from a variety of genres and cultures.
- 1.6 Identify and describe music forms, including theme and variations and twelve-bar blues.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a varied repertoire of music, including rounds, descants, and songs with ostinatos and songs in two-part harmony, alone and with others.
- 2.2 Use classroom instruments to play melodies and accompaniments from a varied repertoire of music from diverse cultures, including rounds, descants, and ostinatos and two-part harmony, by oneself and with others.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.3 Compose, improvise, and perform basic rhythmic, melodic, and chordal patterns independently on classroom instruments.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Describe the social functions of a variety of musical forms from various cultures and time periods (e.g. folk songs, dances).

Diversity of Music

- 3.2 Identify different or similar uses of music elements in music from diverse cultures.
3.3 Sing and play music from diverse cultures and time periods.
3.4 Describe the influence of various cultures and historical events on musical forms and styles.
3.5 Describe the influences of various cultures on music of the United States.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Identify and analyze differences in tempo and dynamics in contrasting music selections.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Develop and apply appropriate criteria to support personal preferences for specific musical works.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Explain the role of music in community events.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify ways in which music professions are similar to or different from each other.

Grade Six

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform intervals and triads.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters.
- 1.3 Transcribe simple aural examples into rhythmic notation.
- 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef.

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.5 Analyze and compare the use of music elements representing various genres and cultures, emphasizing meter and rhythm.
- 1.6 Describe larger music forms (sonata-allegro form, concerto, theme and variations).

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, good posture, tone quality, and vowel shape—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 1; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in two parts.

- 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 1; scale: 1–6).

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Compose short pieces in duple and triple meters.
2.5 Arrange simple pieces for voices or instruments, using traditional sources of sound.
2.6 Improvise simple melodies.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Compare music from two or more cultures of the world as to the functions music serves and the roles of musicians.
3.2 Listen to and describe the role of music in ancient civilizations (e.g., Chinese, Egyptian, Greek, Indian, and Roman).

Diversity of Music

- 3.3 Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from two or more cultures.
3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.
3.5 Classify by style and genre a number of exemplary musical works and explain the characteristics that make each work exemplary.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of musical performances and compositions, including arrangements and improvisations, and apply the criteria in personal listening and performing.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Explain how various aesthetic qualities convey images, feeling, or emotion.
- 4.3 Identify aesthetic qualities in a specific musical work.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Describe how knowledge of music connects to learning in other subject areas.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify career pathways in music.

Grade Seven

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform intervals, chordal patterns, and harmonic progressions.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation in duple, triple, and mixed meters.
- 1.3 Transcribe simple aural examples into melodic notation.
- 1.4 Sight-read melodies in the treble or bass clef (level of difficulty: 1; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.5 Analyze and compare the use of musical elements representing various genres, styles and cultures, emphasizing tonality and intervals.
- 1.6 Describe larger music forms (canon, fugue, suite, ballet, opera, and oratorio).

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 2; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in two and three parts.

- 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 2; scale: 1–6).

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Compose short pieces in duple, triple, and mixed meters.
2.5 Compose and arrange simple pieces for voice and instruments, using traditional and nontraditional sound sources, including digital/electronic media.
2.6 Improvise melodies and harmonic accompaniments.
2.7 Improvise melodic and rhythmic embellishments and variations on given pentatonic melodies.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Compare music from various cultures as to some of the functions music serves and the roles of musicians.
3.2 Identify and describe the development of music during medieval and early modern times in various cultures (e.g., African, Chinese, European, Islamic, Japanese, and South American).

Diversity of Music

- 3.3 Identify and describe distinguishing characteristics of music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.
3.4 Perform music from diverse genres and cultures.
3.5 Identify instruments from a variety of cultures visually and aurally.
3.6 Classify by style and genre exemplary musical works and explain the characteristics that make each work exemplary.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Use criteria to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of musical performances and compositions.
- 4.2 Apply criteria appropriate for the style or genre of music to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations by oneself and others.

Derive Meaning

- 4.3 Compare and contrast the differences between one performance of a specific musical work and another performance of the same work.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 7.5.1 Identify similarities and differences in the meanings of common terms used in various arts and other subject areas.
- 7.5.2 Identify and describe how music functions in media and entertainment.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 7.5.3 Identify various careers for musicians in the entertainment industry.

Grade Eight

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read, write, and perform augmented and diminished intervals, minor chords, and harmonic minor progressions.
- 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation in duple, triple, compound, and mixed meters.
- 1.3 Transcribe aural examples into rhythmic and melodic notation.
- 1.4 Sight-read accurately and expressively (level of difficulty: 2; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.5 Analyze and compare the use of music elements representing various genres, styles, and cultures with an emphasis on chords and harmonic progressions.
- 1.6 Describe larger music forms (symphony, tone poem).
- 1.7 Explain how music elements are used to create specific music events in given aural examples.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape, and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 3; scale: 1–6).

- 2.2 Sing music written in two, three, or four parts.
- 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 3; scale: 1–6).

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.4 Compose short pieces in duple, triple, mixed, and compound meters.
- 2.5 Arrange simple pieces for voices or instruments other than those for which the pieces were written, using traditional and nontraditional sources of sound, including digital/electronic media.
- 2.6 Improvise melodic and rhythmic embellishments and variations in major keys.
- 2.7 Improvise short melodies to be performed with and without accompaniment.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of music

- 3.1 Compare and contrast the functions music serves and the place of musicians in society in various cultures.
- 3.2 Identify and explain the influences of various cultures on music in early United States history.
- 3.3 Explain how music has reflected social functions and changing ideas and values.

Diversity of Music

- 3.4 Compare and contrast distinguishing characteristics of music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.
- 3.5 Perform music from diverse genres, cultures, and time periods.
- 3.6 Classify exemplary musical works by style, genre, and historical period and explain why each work is considered exemplary.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music, aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Use detailed criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of musical performances and compositions and apply the criteria to personal listening and performing.
- 4.2 Apply detailed criteria appropriate for the genre and style of the music to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations by oneself and others.

Derive Meaning

- 4.3 Explain how and why people use and respond to specific music from different musical cultures found in the United States.
- 4.4 Compare the means used to create images or evoke feelings and emotions in musical works from a minimum of two different musical cultures found in the United States.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Compare in two or more arts forms how the characteristic materials of each art (sound in music, visual stimuli in visual arts, movement in dance, human relationships in theatre) can be used to transform similar events, scenes, emotions, or ideas into works of art.
- 5.2 Describe how music is composed and adapted for use in film, video, radio, and television.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.3 Describe skills necessary for composing and adapting music for use in film, video, radio, and television.

Grades Nine Through Twelve— Proficient

Note: The proficient level of achievement for grades nine through twelve can be attained at the end of one year of high school study within the discipline of music after the student has attained the level of achievement in music required of all students in grade eight.

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read an instrumental or vocal score of up to four staves and explain how the elements of music are used.
- 1.2 Transcribe simple songs when presented aurally into melodic and rhythmic notation (level of difficulty: 1; scale: 1–6).
- 1.3 Sight-read music accurately and expressively (level of difficulty: 3; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Analyze and describe the use of music elements and expressive devices (e.g., articulation, dynamic markings) in aural examples in a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres, styles, and cultures.
- 1.5 Identify and explain a variety of compositional devices and techniques used to provide unity, variety, tension, and release in aural examples.
- 1.6 Analyze the use of form in a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres, styles, and cultures.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape, and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in three or four parts with and without accompaniment.
- 2.3 Sing in small ensembles with one on a part.
- 2.4 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).
- 2.5 Perform on an instrument in small ensembles with one on a part.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.6 Compose music, using music elements for expressive effect.
- 2.7 Compose and arrange music for voices or various acoustic or digital/electronic instruments, using appropriate ranges for traditional sources of sound.
- 2.8 Arrange pieces for voices and instruments other than those for which the pieces were originally written.
- 2.9 Improvise harmonizing parts, using an appropriate style.
- 2.10 Improvise original melodies over given chord progressions.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Identify sources of music genres of the United States, trace the evolution of those genres, and cite well-known musicians associated with them.
- 3.2 Explain the various roles that musicians perform, identify representative individuals who have functioned in each role, and explain their activities and achievements.

Diversity of Music

- 3.3 Describe the differences between styles in traditional folk genres within the United States.
- 3.4 Perform music from various cultures and time periods.
- 3.5 Classify, by genre or style and historical period or culture, unfamiliar but representative aural examples of music and explain the reasoning for the classification.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Develop specific criteria for making informed critical evaluations of the quality and effectiveness of performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations and apply those criteria in personal participation in music.
- 4.2 Evaluate a performance, composition, arrangement, or improvisation by comparing it to exemplary models.

Derive Meaning

- 4.3 Explain how people in a particular culture use and respond to specific musical works from that culture.
- 4.4 Describe the means used to create images or evoke feelings and emotions in musical works from various cultures.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Explain how elements, artistic processes, and organizational principles are used in similar and distinctive ways in the various arts.
- 5.2 Analyze the role and function of music in radio, television, and advertising.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.3 Research music careers in radio, television, and advertising.

Grades Nine Through Twelve— Advanced

Note: The advanced level of achievement for students in grades nine through twelve can be attained at the end of a second year of high school study within the discipline of music and subsequent to attaining the proficient level of achievement.

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read a full instrument or vocal score and describe how the elements of music are used.
- 1.2 Transcribe simple songs into melodic and rhythmic notation when presented aurally (level of difficulty: 2; scale: 1–6).
- 1.3 Sight-read music accurately and expressively (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Analyze and describe significant music events perceived and remembered in a given aural example.
- 1.5 Analyze and describe the use of music elements in a given work that makes it unique, interesting, and expressive.
- 1.6 Compare and contrast the use of form, both past and present, in a varied repertoire of music from diverse genres, styles, and cultures.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in four parts with and without accompaniment.
- 2.3 Sing in small ensembles with one on a part (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.4 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.5 Perform in small instrumental ensembles with one on a part (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.6 Compose music in distinct styles.
- 2.7 Compose and arrange music for various combinations of voice, acoustic, and digital/electronic instruments, using appropriate ranges and traditional and nontraditional sound sources.
- 2.8 Create melodic and rhythmic improvisations in a style or genre within a music culture (e.g., Gamelan, Jazz, and India).

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Analyze how the roles of musicians and composers have changed or remained the same throughout history.
- 3.2 Identify uses of music elements in nontraditional art music (e.g., nontonal, twelve-tone, serial).

- 3.3 Compare and contrast the social function of a variety of music forms in various cultures and time periods.

Diversity of Music

- 3.4 Perform music from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- 3.5 Compare and contrast instruments from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- 3.6 Compare and contrast music styles within various popular genres in North America and South America.
- 3.7 Analyze the stylistic features of a given musical work that define its aesthetic traditions and its historical or cultural context.
- 3.8 Compare and contrast music genres or styles that show the influence of two or more cultural traditions.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music, aesthetic qualities, and human responses.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Compare and contrast how a composer's intentions result in a work of music and how that music is used.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Analyze and explain how and why people in a particular culture use and respond to specific musical works from their own culture.
- 4.3 Compare and contrast the musical means used to create images or evoke feelings and emotions in works of music from various cultures.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Explain ways in which the principles and subject matter of music and various disciplines outside the arts are interrelated.
- 5.2 Analyze the process for arranging, underscoring, and composing music for film and video productions.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify and explain the various factors involved in pursuing careers in music.

Glossary of Terms Used in the Music Standards

accompaniment	Vocal or instrumental parts that accompany a melody.
augmented interval	A major or perfect interval raised by a half step.
articulation	The manner in which notes are performed, such as staccato or legato.
beat	Unit of measure of rhythmic time.
canon	A musical form in which a melody is imitated exactly in one or more parts. Similar to a <i>round</i> .
chord	Three or more tones sounded simultaneously.
chordophone	An instrument the sound of which is created by means of strings stretched between two points.
clef, bass, and treble	A symbol written at the beginning of a musical staff that indicates which notes are represented by which lines and spaces.
compound meter	Meter the beat of which is divided into threes or sixes.
composition	Creation of original music by organizing sound. Usually written down for others to perform.
concerto	A composition for orchestra and soloist.
descant	A melodic line or counterpoint accompanying an existing melody.
diatonic scale	The notes found within a major or minor scale.
diminished interval	A minor or perfect interval lowered by a half step.
duple meter	A time signature with two beats to the measure.
dynamics	Varying degrees of volume in the performance of music.

dynamic markings	The symbols indicating the varying degrees of volume: pp = pianissimo, very soft; p = piano, soft; mp = mezzo piano, medium soft; mf = mezzo forte, medium loud; f = forte, loud; and ff = fortissimo, very loud.
elements of music	Melody, harmony, rhythm, and form and the expressive elements of dynamics, tempo, and timbre (tone color).
embellishments, melodic and rhythmic	Notes that are added to ornament a melody or rhythmic pattern.
form	The organization and structure of a composition and the interrelationships of music events within the overall structure.
fugue	A composition in which three or more voices enter one after the other and imitate the main melody in various ways according to a set pattern.
harmony	The simultaneous sounding of two or more tones.
harmonic progression	A succession of individual chords or harmonies that form larger units of phrases, sections, or compositions.
idiophone	An instrument whose sound is produced by shaking or scraping.
improvisation	Spontaneous composition of music.
interval	The distance in pitch between two tones.
level of difficulty	For purposes of these standards, there are six levels of difficulty: Level 1 = Very easy; easy keys, meters, and rhythms; limited ranges. Level 2 = Easy; may include changes of tempo, key, and meter; modest ranges. Level 3 = Moderately easy; contains moderate technical demands, expanded ranges, and varied interpretive requirements. Level 4 = Moderately difficult; requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation, and ability to perform various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys. Level 5 = Difficult; requires advanced technical and interpretive skills; contains key signatures with numerous sharps or flats, usual meters, complex rhythms, subtle dynamic requirements. Level 6 = Very difficult; suitable for musically mature students of exceptional competence.

major key	Tonally, a key based on a major scale; a scale that contains the following step pattern: whole, whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half or uses the solfa tones of do re mi fa so la to do.
membranophone	An instrument that produces sound through the vibrations of a membrane.
melody	An organized sequence of single notes.
meter	The pattern of beats by which a piece of music is measured.
minor key	Tonally, a key based on a minor scale; a scale that contains the following step pattern: whole, half, whole, whole, half, whole, whole or uses the solfa tones of la ti do re me fa so la.
mixed meter	A mixture of duple and triple meters.
mode	A type of scale with a specific arrangement of intervals (e.g., Aeolian, Dorian, Ionian, Locrian, Lydian, Mixolydian, and Phrygian).
notation	Written music indicating pitch and rhythm for performance.
opera	A drama set to music for voices and orchestra and presented with costumes and sets.
oratorio	A dramatic musical composition usually set to a religious text and performed by solo voices, chorus, and orchestra without action, special costumes, or scenery.
ostinato	A rhythmic or melodic accompaniment figure repeated continuously.
pentatonic scale	A scale having five tones to the octave having no half steps; do re mi so la.
phrase	A musical idea comparable to a sentence or a clause in language. May be complete or incomplete.
pitch	The location of a note related to its highness or lowness.
rondo form	A musical form in which a section is repeated, with contrasting sections in between, such as ABACA.
rhythm	The combinations of long and short, even or uneven sounds that convey a sense of movement.

scale	The arrangement of notes in a specific order of whole and half steps.
score	The organized notation of all of the instrumental and/or vocal parts of a composition.
serial music	A type of composition based on twelve-tone technique.
solfege	A system of designating syllables to the degrees of the scale.
sonata-allegro form	A musical form that uses the overall design of exposition, development, and recapitulation.
song forms	The organization of sections of a song, represented by letters that depict similar and contrasting sections: AB, ABA, AABA, ABC, and so forth.
staff (staves)	The horizontal lines on and between which notes are written.
suite	A musical composition consisting of a succession of short pieces.
symphony	A long orchestral work divided into three to five movements.
syncopation	The placement of rhythmic accents on weak beats or weak portions of beats.
tempo	The pace at which music moves according to the speed of the underlying beat.
texture	The character of the different layers of horizontal and vertical sounds.
theme and variation	A compositional form in which a theme is clearly stated and is followed by a number of variations.
timbre	Tone color or quality.
tonality (key)	The tonal center of a composition.
tone poem	An orchestral composition based on an extramusical idea—a tone picture.
triad	A three-note chord consisting of a root, third, and fifth.
triple meter	Beats grouped into a set of three.

twelve-bar blues	A chord pattern often used in blues music based on the I, IV, and V chords and the blues scale in specific order within twelve bars.
twelve-tone scale	A scale constructed of all twelve half steps within an octave and organized in a specific order called a tone row.